VRS in Public and Private Sectors

3728. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who have already opted for VRS as a part of liberalisation in the Central and State Public Sector and Private Sector; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that some managements like State Bank of India under the pressure from the Association has not accepted the VRS which has been opted by the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Around 2.7 lakh employees have opted for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) since the inception of this scheme and upto March, 2000. There is no information available with the Government regarding the workers who have opted for VRS in the private sector.

(b) As part of the terms & conditions of the VRS offered to banks employees, it is the prerogative of the Bank's management either to accept the request for VRS or to reject the same depending upon the requirement of the bank.

Conference on Child Labour

3729. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national conference to review the programmes for elimination of Child Labour was held in New Delhi on 22nd January, 2001;

(b) if so, what are the main observation and suggestions made therein; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) A National Conference on